

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim (Cranganur).—Will the Hon'ble Member kindly inform the House what is the longest period in which an application has been in pendance in this list?

Mr. K. Narayana Menon (Registrar of Co-operative Societies).—There was one instance of a file pending for 2 years. But the normal period of pendency is between 2 and 3 months.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (Wadakkancheri).—May I know, Sir, out of the 100 and odd applications pending during the last quarter how many have been rejected by Government?

Mr. K. Narayana Menon (Registrar of Co-operative Societies).—There are very few rejections.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (Wadakkancheri).—As for those applications, were they rejected on the ground money on the security of the property sought to be secured could not be advanced?

Mr. K. Narayana Menon (Registrar of Co-operative Societies).—That was one of the reasons. There were many other reasons also.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (Trichur South).—Were there not very many cases where the title of the documents were not clear?

Mr. K. Narayana Menon (Registrar of Co-operative Societies).—Yes.

Agriculturists' Debt Relief Bill—alternative proposal by Dr. V. K. John.

192. Mr. A. Narayana Menon (Vyttila).—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether their attention has been drawn to the article 'Agriculturists' Debt Relief Bill; an alternative proposal' by Dr. V. K. John, published on page 3 of the 'Madras Mail' dated 17th December 1937;

(b) i. whether they have considered the feasibility of conferring proprietorship to cultivating tenants by following the suggestions in the article;

ii. if so, with what result;

iii. have the necessary statistics been collected;

(c) i. does the co-operative organization in the State contain societies for the purchase of proprietorship for cultivating tenants;

ii. if so, how many and where;

iii. does the organization contain 'Building Societies';

iv. if so, where and how many;

v. will the Government be pleased to direct the co-operative department to bestow particular attention to the formation of societies of the above kinds?

Mr. K. Narayana Menon (*Registrar of Co-operative Societies*).—(a) Yes.

(b) i. No.

ii. Does not arise.

iii. No.

(c) i. No.

ii. Does not arise.

iii. No.

iv. Does not arise.

v. Many societies give loans to their members to enable them to build houses. Nowhere in the State has an intense and urgent need for building societies been expressed. If there is such a real need, the Government will only be glad to organize such societies.

Mr. A. Narayana Menon (*Vyttila*).—With reference to (b) (i), why no?

Mr. K. Narayana Menon (*Registrar of Co-operative Societies*).—Government did not think it advisable.

Mr. A. Narayana Menon (*Vyttila*).—Is it due to shortness of time?

Mr. K. Narayana Menon (*Registrar of Co-operative Societies*).—For anything there will be more than one reason.

Mr. A. Narayana Menon (*Vyttila*).—If there are more than one reason at least one may be given.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim (*Cranganur*).—Can we, Sir, hope for some debt relief Bill on the model of the Madras Bill?

Mr. President.—There is no harm in hoping at all.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim (Cranganur).—The three readings of the Bill have been finished and Madras is our next door neighbour.

Mr. A. Narayana Menon (Vyttila).—In view of the bill which is sought to be introduced in this House will it be pleased to consider the proposal contained in the article referred to?

Mr. K. Narayana Menon (Registrar of Co-operative Societies).—Government will consider it.

Co-operative Societies—Chittur Taluk.

193. Mr. A. Eachara Menon (Chittur Rural).—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

- (1) how many non-credit co-operative societies are there in the Chittur Taluk;
- (2) are there any co-operative stationery societies attached to the High Schools in Chittur.
- (3) how many class of societies are there in the State; what are they;
- (4) what are the differences between agricultural credit societies and non-agricultural credit societies;
- (5) whether any one of the agricultural societies has transactions in manure, implements, seeds and other agricultural necessities;
- (6) what is the financial position of Chittur Union;
- (7) whether they would give the particulars regarding membership, working capital, loans, deposits in and by the society at Nemmara?

Mr. K. Narayana Menon (Registrar of Co-operative Societies).—(1) Three.

(2) Yes. One attached to the Nemmara High School.

(3) The various kinds of societies are classified as follows:—

1. Central Bank—Short and intermediate financing agency.
2. Land Mortgage Bank—Long term finance.